

strength thou takest away from a
churlish and malig-
nant adversary.

6. AGNI, Son of strength, do thou
who art mighty
be our councillor: give us sons and
grandsons, together
with food: may I, by all my praises,
obtain the ful-
filment of my desires: may we,
blessed with excellent
male descendants, enjoy
happiness for a hundred
winters.

SUKTA XIV. (XIV.)

The deity and *Ris/d* as before; the metre is
Anushtvbbh, except

in the last verse, in which it is *Sakvari*.

Varg* xvi. j § M;ay the mortal who
propitiates AGNI by devo-
tion and worship, together with
praises, quickly
become distinguished us first
(amongst men), and
acquire ample food for the support
(of his children).

2. AGNI verily is most wise; he is
the chief per-
former of religious rites, a holy sage: the
progeny of
men glorify AGNI as the invoker of the gods
at sacri-
fices.

3. The manifold treasures of the
enemy (detached
from them) are emulous, AGNI, for the
preservation (of
thy worshippers): men who worship thee,
triumphing
over the spoiler, seek to shame him who
celebrates no
sacred rite by (their) observances.

4. AGNI bestows (upon his
worshippers) a male
descendant, (the performer of good) works,
the sub-
duer of foes, the protector of the virtuous,
at whose
appearance his enemies tremble through
fear of his
prowess.

5. The mighty and divine AGNI,
endowed with
knowledge, protects the mortal from
the approach whose
rich (offerings) are unobstructed (by evil
spirits)
and unshared by other (offerers) at

sacrifices^.